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New director for CMA

Michael Parker, who is currently serving as the director, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency and program manager, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, will concentrate all his efforts solely on the ACWA program, effective Jan. 15.

Dale Ormond, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for the Elimination of Chemical Weapons will serve as the acting director, CMA until a new director is selected.

This realignment provides both individuals the opportunity to focus solely on their high-visibility programs.

Umatilla safely destroys last 8-inch sarin-filled artillery projectile

Workers at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Hermiston, Ore., safely destroyed the last of the 14,246 8-inch diameter GB (sarin) nerve agent projectiles originally stockpiled at the Umatilla Chemical Depot on Jan. 3. The facility processed its first 8-inch GB projectile on Sept. 28, 2006.

“This dedicated team effort puts us one step closer to eliminating all GB munitions at Umatilla,” said Don Barclay, Army site project manager. “We remain focused on completing that mission.”

“We continue to fulfill our commitment to eliminate chemical weapons while ensuring the safety of the public and our workforce,” said Doug Hamrick, Washington Group International’s project general manager for UMCDF. “We are accomplishing this safely and in an environmentally compliant manner.”

Since Sept. 8, 2004, when it began destroying chemical munitions, the UMCDF has disposed of more than 108,000 rockets, bombs, ton containers, and 8-inch projectiles. This comprises about 24 percent of the agent tonnage originally stockpiled at Umatilla. For the full story, visit <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/pa/releases07/umatilla.html>.

Renovation increases packaging laboratory's unique capabilities

A modernization of the Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center's testing laboratory at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., has improved its capabilities as the lead activity for storage and shipping related testing.

The Packaging Applications Testing Facility, part of Army Materiel Command's Logistics Support Activity, tests packaging, sealing, identification, storage and container systems for Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

The renovations were very comprehensive and included everything from new test equipment to new floor drains. The packaging Applications Testing Facility now has all the necessary test equipment to provide the full complement of testing required to support the certifications of the packaging of hazardous material for transportation.

As technological advances in materials and processes continually come about, the LOGSA PSCC Package Applications Testing Facility stands ready to support the Soldier through testing that ensure items get to the field in the intended condition for use.

For the full story visit the AMC website at: <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/pa/releases07/renovation.html>.

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